

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims **1-60** are currently pending in the present application. Claims **1, 34, 36, 38, 40-41, 43-44, 45-49**, and **53-60** are independent. The status of the claims is as follows:

- (A) claims **43-44, 48, 55-57**, and **59** are indicated as **allowable** by the Examiner;
- (B) claims **3-11, 15-17, 19, 25-26, 28, 33**, and **50-52** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated as allowable by the Examiner if re-written in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims;
- (C) claim 47 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for allegedly being indefinite;
- (D) claims **1-2, 12-14, 27, 29, 34-35**, and **60** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,592,378 (hereinafter “Cameron”);
- (E) claims **18, 20-24**, and **30-32** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Cameron;
- (F) claims **36-42, 49**, and **53** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Cameron in view of U.S. Re-issue Patent No. 32,115 (hereinafter “Lockwood”);
- (G) claims **44-45** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Cameron in view of Lockwood, in further view of U.S. Patent No. 3,442,422 (hereinafter “Neidig”);
- (H) claim **54** stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Cameron in view of Lockwood, in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,544,784 (hereinafter “Malaspina”); and
- (I) claim **58** stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Cameron in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,607,463 (hereinafter “Saigh, Jr.”).

Upon entry of this amendment, which is respectfully requested, all currently rejected claims (claims **1-2, 12-14, 18, 20-24, 27, 29-32, 34-42, 45-47, 49, 53-55, 58, 60**) will be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, solely to advance prosecution.

Applicants may pursue any subject matter and/or scope associated with the claims cancelled herein in one or more continuing applications. The cancellation of such claims does not imply Applicants' agreement or support for any of the Examiner's rejection or the grounds upon which they are currently based. Applicants also amend the specification herein to remove previously presented material that is currently objected to by the Examiner. No new matter is introduced by this amendment, and the amendment is presented solely to advance prosecution by placing the pending claims in condition for allowance.

II. Conclusion

At least because all currently rejected claims are cancelled herein to advance prosecution, it is submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, as stated by the Examiner, or in better form for appeal.

Alternatively, if there remain any questions regarding the present application, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Carson C.K. Fincham at telephone number 203-461-7017 or via electronic mail at cfincham@walkerdigital.com, at the Examiner's convenience.

III. Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

While no fees are believed to be due at this time, please charge any fees that may be required for this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Furthermore, should an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this Amendment timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Respectfully submitted,

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